

Extra Credit Assignment – Due Monday, 13 August 2007

On Wednesday, August 8th in Campbell Hall, UCSB Arts & Lectures will present *An Unreasonable Man* (cost \$5 for students), a look at one of the most prominent and controversial public (and more recently, political) figures in recent decades, Ralph Nader. Nader's influence goes beyond standard political and ethical discourse, raising issues related to business ethics, 2-party political dominance in American Government, and political/citizen authority, all of them important issues in applied ethics and political/economic philosophy.

This Extra Credit Assignment can add *up to 1.5%* to your total grade (so, for instance, it's like a possible 33% bonus to one of your early quizzes, which are worth 5% of your total grade each). *Pay close attention to these instructions:*

Attend the screening of *An Unreasonable Man*, or, if you have schedule/monetary conflicts, watch the first 85 minutes of [this online video](#) ("The Ethics of Public Participation").

If you attend the Screening, complete the following assignment:

Write a short essay **explaining** 3 main topics discussed in the movie, and then give your **reflection** on the idea/event. 2 of the topics *must* be on these subjects: (1) GM's reaction to Nader's exposé book *Unsafe at Any Speed*, (2) Nader's exclusion from the 2000 presidential debate (a good idea to explore on this topic: who runs the Presidential Debate Committee?). The third topic is open to anything in the movie that you found interesting. There is no particular length requirement, although I would generally expect an adequate explanation to be about 2-3 sentences, and an adequate reflection to be about 3-4 sentences.

If you watch the [online video](#) ("The Ethics of Public Participation"), complete the following assignment:

Write a short essay **explaining** 4 main topics that Nader expressed in his speech, and then give your **reflection** on the idea/event. 3 of the topics *must* be on these subjects (1) Nader's ideas on "growing up corporate" (discussed in multiple parts throughout the first 1/3 of the speech), (2) The Framework of Harvard Law School (discussed around midway in the speech), (3) Academic Freedom & Corporate Influenced Science (discussed briefly towards the end). Note: these are generally in chronological order - I suggest you take notes for these sections and watch them again if necessary. The fourth topic is open to anything substantial that Nader talked about in this speech. There is no particular length requirement, although I would generally expect an adequate explanation to be about 3-4 sentences, and an adequate reflection to be about 3-4 sentences.

Special Note: the online video assignment is a bit more difficult because (1)

you have the opportunity to watch sections over, (2) the ability to take notes, and (3) one of the goals of this assignment was to get students to participate in campus cultural events ("Student Life" goes beyond DP :-)

Each student may only do one assignment. All assignments must be 1 page or less (i.e., no staples) in single-spaced, 12 point font. If you find your length goes too far (which it shouldn't), then adjust your margins.

Jake is not particularly involved in this assignment, so all questions should be sent to me:
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